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# Bridges, Militant Slate Win In ILA Communist Convention Cal. Capitol Sept. 20

## 24 Hour General Strike In Penn. City, Martial Law In Georgia Mark Textile Strike

**Efforts To Open Mills In South By Violence Fails; Strike Is Spreading**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A city-wide 24-hour general strike in sympathy with the textile workers was called in Hazelton, Pa., tying up every essential service; 25,000 workers paraded through the city streets in demonstration of solidarity. Not a newspaper appeared on the streets as the men of the newspaper mechanical unions joined the walk-out. Evidence of the broad solidarity of the movement is the fact that delegations from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion joined the march. The Hazelton Fire Company and a contingent of unemployed workers following the banner of the Unemployed League also paraded. Ninety-two per cent of all silk workers are out in Hazelton and the balance are expected to join within a few days.

Martial law was proclaimed for the entire state of Georgia as Gov. Eugene Talmadge ordered the mobilization of 4,000 officers and men of the National Guard to be used by mill owners in a drive to open their mills by violence with scab labor. None of the mills succeeded in opening, however.

\* Militia Repulsed.

Guardmen in Charlotte, N. C., attacked picket lines with bayonets, driving the workers back several hundred yards before the workers rallied their forces, surrounded the detachment, and reinforcements had to be rushed to rescue them from the strikers. Workers held their ranks solidly and further efforts to drive them back were repulsed.

One hundred and ten thousand rug, carpet and rayon workers are preparing to join the strike immediately upon receiving word from the strike committee; 1,500 cotton workers have voted for an immediate walk-out in Maine.

Gorman, A. F. of L. chairman of the strike committee, stated in a radio address: "What we have to do is hold our lines tight and we shall win this strike." But what Gorman means by "winning the strike" is delivering all demands into the hands of the Pres.

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## S. F. and Oakland Meetings to Elect Anti-War Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Delegates to the second U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism will be chosen from among the trade union workers of San Francisco and Oakland to go to the Chicago convention held September 28, 29 and 30.

The meeting in Oakland, from which three members of Eastbay locals will be elected as delegates will be held at Carpenter's Hall Friday, September 21st, at 763 12th street, at 8 o'clock.

The San Francisco meeting will be held the following evening, Saturday, September 22nd.

All workers, trade union members, sympathizers, and anti-war and fascist fighters in San Francisco and the East Bay are urged to attend and participate in planning how to continue the work of the congress after return of the delegates.

News received from the national committee indicates that the second session of the Congress will show a tremendous advance over the first session, held one year ago. Hundreds of trade unions, including the most basic of the industries in a wartime economy, have elected delegates. Delegates from the National Guard and from American Legion posts, from numerous branches of the Socialist Party, from professional and liberal groups, and from CCC camps will be added to the organizations of the militant working class.

Following on the arms inquiry held by the Senate committee, where an effort is being made to hush up the implications of the close tie-up between the munitions makers and the capitalist government, this Congress will clarify these issues for the masses of workers so that the fight against imperialist war will be strengthened.

## Send Protests Against Troops

Urgently calling on the workers all over the country to aid the heroic textile workers in their fight against martial law and National Guardsmen, the Central Committee of the Communist Party has sent the following telegram to all districts:

**PRESENT SITUATION IN TEXTILE STRIKE DEMANDS THE ORGANIZATION OF WIDE ENERGETIC PROTEST AGAINST DESTRUCTION OF MOST ELEMENTARY WORKERS RIGHTS, AGAINST TERROR AND FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.**

**WIRE PROTESTS AT ONCE TO THE GOVERNORS OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND RHODE ISLAND AND TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.**

The protests should be sent to Gov. Green, Providence, R. I.; Gov. Talmadge, Atlanta, Ga.; Gov. Ibra C. Blackwood, Columbia, South Carolina; and Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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## A.F. of L. Rank & File Comm. To Hold S. F. Mass Meet Oct. 1st

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—In preparation for the fight for industrial unionism, sympathy and general strikes, and greater rank and file control with more militant policy in the A. F. of L. unions, to be fought at the American Federation of Labor National Convention here in October, a mass meeting will be held under the auspices of the Rank and File Committee at Eagles Hall, 230 Golden Gate avenue, Tuesday night, October 1st. Rank and file groups in the Bay area are at work organizing the meeting.

Main speaker will be Louis Weinstein, leader of the rank and file movement, who spoke here last spring, and who has just been expelled from the militant painters' union in New York. Local 499, for his fighting the attempted betrayal of the mass strike of painters there. Members of the Oakland and San Francisco rank and file organizations and one of the local longshoremen will speak.

## Court Crowded At Stephens "Trial" In Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 17.—The trial of Augustus Stephens, framed Negro worker, was opened in the court of Judge Fred V. Wood by forcibly ejecting all workers from the courtroom and a physical attack by the bailiff on the defense attorney, Leo Gallagher. All protests against this violence were ignored by Judge Wood.

The jury, one woman and eleven men, has been picked. When vigilante gangsters broke into the Workers' Center at 645 Twenty-Second street in Oakland on July 17th, Stephens, who was on the premises, defended himself with his bare hands. He was brutally beaten and when the police arrived later, arrested and charged with assault with a dead-end.

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## Resolutions At Cal. A.F.L. Meet to Bring Battles on Floor

**SYMPATHY AND GENERAL STRIKES TO BE ISSUE AT PASADENA**

PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 17.—Echoes of the San Francisco General Strike and the great strike wave now sweeping the country led by the million textile strikers will force their way into the state convention of the California Federation of Labor which opened here today, despite all the attempts of the well-oiled A. F. of L. official machine to keep the situation in hand. Every effort on the part of Vanderleur, Scharrenberg, O'Connell & Co., to beat down the rising demand for greater rank and file control and a stronger weapon to fight against the increasing attacks of the bosses is held unlikely to be able to prevent this, the 35th annual convention, from becoming a battleground on several vital issues before its 500 delegates adjourn at the end of the week.

Vanderleur, president of the Municipal Carmen's Union, and president of the San Francisco Labor Council, hated by the rank and file for his work in betraying the General Strike, has been appointed head of the important resolutions committee in expectation that he will prevent recommendation of the resolutions the machine does not want. However, that will not prevent their coming up on the floor of the convention.

Vanderleur is running to succeed A. H. Hochs as president of the State Federation.

\* Main Issues.

The main fights are expected to take place around the issues of the resolution passed by the executive board of the International Longshoremen's Association, and to be introduced by its delegates, endorsing the use of the general

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## SERA WORKERS IN SF BACK DEMAND FOR \$10 WEEKLY

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Over 150 SERA workers and unemployed attended the first meeting of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, held at Equality Hall, 141 Albion street, Friday night.

Another meeting will be held this coming Friday, September 21, and more unemployed and SERA workers will become involved in the struggle for better relief standards.

Although Greenleigh of the local SERA was present at the meeting and took the floor to try to convince the workers that present miserable relief standards were adequate, the meeting voted unanimously in favor of demanding \$10 a week for each single person, and \$3 per week additional for each dependent.

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## Some Of Their Own Medicine



National Guardsman after the battle at Saylesville, R. I., when textile strike pickets, enraged at the militia attack on their lines, reformed and charged back unarmed, driving the guard before them.

## Soviet Union Enters League of Nations In World Peace Move

MOSCOW, Sept. 17.—Signed by thirty members of the League of Nations, an invitation was extended to the Soviet Union to join the League of Nations and to accept the League's charter. The assembly at Geneva is expected to ratify the admission of the U.S.S.R. to a permanent place on the League Council Wednesday or Thursday. This move is the most significant acknowledgment of the Soviet importance in world affairs since recognition by the United States.

Menaced by the possibility of simultaneous attack by Japan on her Asiatic border and Germany on her Western border, the Soviet Union will utilize her power to the League to demand non-aggression pacts and to further advance her peace conference proposals of complete disarmament. The imperialist rivalries between capitalist powers both in the Orient and Central Europe and the increasing belligerence of Germany and Japan are rapidly forcing the nations to align themselves for war.

The U.S.S.R., now acknowledged as one of the foremost world powers, constitutes an enigma to the maneuvering capitalist groups. Having no internal contradictions which she might use to solve by foreign conquest, her sole concern for peace and the defense of her borders.

It is impossible for the capitalist nations to arrange their pacts without considering the mighty power of the Soviets, and yet at all conferences she constitutes an element working in contradiction to all the imperialist aims.

## Thugs, Police Join To Attack Filipino Grape Pickers

MODESTO, Calif., Sept. 16.—About 800 Filipino agricultural workers who were driven from the Salinas valley during the lettuce strike have come to Modesto and Turlock and are here being intimidated and threatened by the bosses in an effort to keep down wage rates by inciting race hatred if possible. About 400 of the Filipino workers are camped near each city.

The false claim has been raised to incite the white workers against them that they are working for less money, the charge being that they are picking grapes for 90c a ton or 15c an hour.

The truth born out in many instances, is that many are contracting grape picking for \$4.00 a ton and making 40c an hour on a 9 hour day.

The attempts to terrorize the Filipino workers, began by Harry Deal a local grape contractor, with the aid of the sheriff and police who agreed not to interfere with any attempts to drive them out of town, have so far failed. The thugs gathered here after midnight on the street corners of the blocks were the Filipino workers lived, to terrorize them. In Turlock, gangs of "night riders" gave the Filipino workers two hours notice to leave town, but they all gathered instead in one camp and stayed. The attempt to rally a big support to the vigilante terror failed and only a small number of the thugs could be recruited. Police in both cases refused to give protection to the threatened Filipinos, saying they could do nothing until after an attack.

The advance to twice-a-week issues was made necessary by the situation facing the workers of California in the reign of terror and the present worsening of the crisis, with workers on all sides striking or preparing to strike, with the worst winter in the six years of the crisis facing us. But to build the Western Worker into the real strength needed for this, the financial foundation must be laid—at least 1,300 subscriptions.

We are in the midst of a drive for this quota by November 7th! The same spirit which fired each of the advances made by the Western Worker, the same energy in going out and getting subscriptions from workers, in shops, or other jobs, at the homes, or wherever you may find them, must be thrown into this drive. And immediately!

Quotas have been given in the Western Worker for each town. Get in touch with your local agent and get to work on them!

The drive is not limited to Party members. Many of the other workers' organizations such as the Finnish and Jugo-Slav workers have been leading forces in previous drives.

Get into this one! Give the Western Worker the basis it needs to grow as a semi-weekly. If you need subscription blanks, write in and get them at once, from 37 Grove street, San Francisco.

Let's make this short, intensive drive the best one yet! Everybody get busy!

## To Map Intensive Election Drive At Sacramento

**USE OF STATE CAPITOL VICTORY AGAINST ILLEGALITY**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Under the roof of the State Capitol in Sacramento the State Convention of the Communist Party will be held Thursday, September 20th, for despite all efforts of terror and trickery the bosses have failed so far in their attempt to take the Party off the ballot.

The more than 30,000 signatures to put the Party on the ballot, coupled with the mass protest since July 17th, have won this ranking as a legal Party.

The forty-four candidates who comprise the Communist slate will be delegates. That same evening, a huge rally will be held in Sacramento, where the drive against the Party has been most intense. Seventeen workers, in jail for over two months on charges of criminal syndicalism, will not be able to attend the convention or the rally, and the turnout will be as much a demonstration for their freedom as a rally in support of the Communist platform.

Albert Hougard, Sacramento section organizer of the Communist Party, now out on bail on charges of criminal syndicalism, and candidate for congress from Sacramento, will be one of the featured speakers of the convention. Other speakers will be Sam Darcy, Communist candidate for governor; Pettis Perry, candidate for lieutenant-governor; Lawrence Ross, candidate for congress from Los Angeles; Harold Ashe, candidate for secretary of state, and Miss Carson.

Hundreds of workers and unemployed are expected to sit in at the convention during the daytime and participate in planning a broad campaign to reach the masses of California workers, farmers, and unemployed with the Communist program.

\* Assembly Conferences. Opening of the campaign in San Francisco showed the determination of the police force, despite the legality of the Party. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2.)

## REGISTER TO VOTE NOV. 7

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Only ten days remain, until September 27th, for registration for the coming election. Those who have moved previously to July 19, or who lost their registration through not voting in the last general election, or who have neglected to register, are urged to do so at once so as to be able to vote for the Communist Party candidates on November 7th.

Clay Naff, Communist candidate for governor, is held under \$1,200 bond. James B. Carr and Romando Garcia, Communist candidate for the United States Senate, were held under \$700 bond each.

Charles Wesson, Albert Eggert and Mrs. Ray Urman were released on their own recognizance. Charles H. McCall, militant Socialist worker, is held under bond of \$300, and that of each of the others at \$500.

Charges were dismissed against Tom Gordon, Roy Lee Harvey and Juan S. Gordon.

Evidence presented by the workers showed conclusively that the assault was made by the police, sheriff's deputies, and ERA thugs on the picket line.

Defendants held for trial at the hearing conclusion were Naff, Garcia, Carr, Harry Mahle, Morris Urman, Jose Flores, Jose Borcen, Will Rose, Oscar M. Shepard, Charles Bauman, Charles Wesson, Simon J. Dalton, Hugo Nations, Henry Broome, Jim H. Harrison, Joseph Caswell, Clarence Phillips, James Porter (Negro worker and candidate for sec-

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## Big Victory Scored As Rank, File Strike Leaders Sweep In

**Bridges Elected President of S. F. Longshoremen By 3 to 1 Vote**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—In one of the most sweeping victories ever won in an A. F. of L. union, the slate of rank and file candidates headed by Harry Bridges carried the election in the International Longshoremen's Association here yesterday. The membership rallied strongly behind the men whom they had seen as their real leaders in the strike and voted them in.

Harry Bridges won the presidency hands down, by a vote of 1,283, over Joe Johnson, who got only 432. Johnson, acting president during the unexpired part of the term for which Lee Holman was elected, had gone into office when Holman was kicked out for sabotaging the first mediation proceedings previous to the strike begun in May.

The victory was a strong indication of the growing sentiment in favor of militant rank and file control and a crushing defeat to the Lewis machine which since the termination of the strike two months ago has tried to order the men not to expel the scabs from the docks or build their own committees there, claiming such action might offend the ship owners.

It will be of great importance in the growth of strength in other I.L.A. locals and particularly give strength to the fight for the resolution being introduced into the Pasadena A. F. of L. state convention by the I.L.A.—demanding the endorsement of sympathetic and general strikes as a main weapon in the fight against the capitalist attack on unions.

The rest of the offices found great strength won by the rank and file whose slate was published in last issue of the Western Worker. In only a couple of offices did they lose.

\* Frater Wins. For vice-president Jack Creary won over Kleiman, rank and file candidate, by only 570 to 433. For secretary, Ivan Cox won with 805 votes. Fred Frater, endorsed by the rank and file, was unopposed for financial secretary, getting 1,092. The business agents who won were Chas. Cutwright, re-elected with 1,149 votes; E. G. Dietrich, 781, and Jack McClellan, 717.

Sergeant-at-arms is Geo. Decker, who got 578 votes. The new board of trustees are: Wm. Christensen, 1,208; Pete Bertelson, 1,068; Ernest Harris, 1,161; Fred Heimer, 1,182, and John D. Shaw with 976. Here the rank and file leaders won a majority, as they did on the new executive board.

The poll of the winners for the executive board is:

NAME	VOICES
Wm. Anderson	852
John Beckord	715
Dick Benke	565
Sandy Carl	788
A. Cummings	702
Frank Davis	689
H. Gillette	651
B. Halling	651
Neil Hanson	859
Chas. Jewell	674
A. L. Johnson	870

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## 18 SYNDICALISM FRAME-UPS BEGIN FRIDAY IN SACTO.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 17.—Postponement of the arrangements on charges of criminal syndicalism was allowed until Friday, September 21, when District Attorney Neil McAllister will again come into court with framed-up cases against eighteen workers here. He has announced that he will introduce a new count, bringing the total number of charges against each defendant to seven.

Each of which carries a sentence of one to fourteen years in the penitentiary. What the additional charge will be based on was not disclosed. The aim of the first six is to establish membership in the Communist Party, teaching in a Workers' School, membership in the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union or any other T.U.U.L. union or participation in strikes as a crime, and thus outlaw these organizations and activities.

Leo Gallagher and Chas. Purick, Sr., who passed the original Busick injunction under which the I.W.W. were attacked eleven years ago, and Chas. Busick, Jr., will act as defense attorneys.

Included in the eighteen are Pat Chambers, organizer of the C. & A. W. I. U.; an anti-Communist candidate for U. S. senator, and Nora Conklin, local candidate for supervisor. Albert Hougard, candidate for congressman, has just been released on \$4,000 bail.

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## East of the Rockies

## Legion, Militiamen Join Anti-War Congress

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Three American Legion posts have already elected delegates to the second U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism, to be held in Chicago the last three days of this month. This announcement by the spokesman of the national committee of the American League Against War and Fascism follows upon the news that several companies of national guardsmen have also elected delegates to the congress.

## Maryland S. P. Leader In United Front

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 11.—Growth of the united front of all working class elements against war and fascism was further signified here today when Dr. Broadus Mitchell of Baltimore, Socialist Party candidate for governor of Maryland, not only endorsed the second U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism, but joined the city committee of the American League Against War and Fascism. Mitchell's stand was taken in the face of the action of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in refusing to endorse a united front fight on these two issues.

## Fight Against Jim-Crow-ing Succeeds!

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Victory after weeks of militant struggle against the Jim Crow policy of the Lenox Cafeteria came today when, as a result of weeks of picketing by both Negro and white workers, under the leadership of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, four Negro workers were given jobs in the cafeteria. It was while picketing in front of this cafeteria that Milton Herndon, brother of the heroic Angelo Herndon, was arrested with many others, and a young Negro woman seriously injured from a beating received from a policeman.

## Duluth School Children Strike

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 11.—Hundreds of Duluth students went on strike here today against the closing of five schools, led by the Schools' Protective League. The school board at its last meeting refused to reopen five schools, forcing 28 teachers out of jobs, and forcing the students to be transported by bus to other, and overcrowded, schools. The leader of the league, which has been holding mass meetings and circulating petitions for over a week, is Herman Griffiths, who was the Socialist and Farmer-Labor candidate for the school board in the last election but, because of the inactivity of these Parties in this struggle, Griffiths has resigned and is joining the Communist Party.

## NRA Plans New Relief Cuts

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—Although admitting that present relief was "inadequate," Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, in a statement issued today, announced a new "drive to get the relief rolls down to those people who actually are in need." Although regarding the "present inadequacy of relief" as "unfortunate," he showed the teeth behind his statement when he said, "We want our relief machinery tightened up for the winter."

## Senate Tries to Hush Arms Inquiry

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Evidence disclosed to date in the munitions inquiry which the Senate committee is trying to keep from going below the surface of things, has shown that British, Chinese and American imperialists, depending upon their government's co-operation, are uniting in their attack upon Soviet China; that threat of a tax upon Brazilian coffee by the U. S. government was used to force Brazil to buy munitions from a private American firm; and that, to quote a letter from the British firm of Soley & Co., armament manufacturers, "we fully understand that arms deals are not usually done without some officials acting as go-betweens, but if any rain of oil is required, it has to be added to the price." The price, needless to state, is taxed off the tolling masses, who will be murdered with these weapons.

## WORKER SCHOOL RE-OPENS IN S. F. SEPTEMBER 24th

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The San Francisco Workers' School, raided on July 17th, will reopen during the week starting September 24th, at the new headquarters at 675 Minna street near 8th street.

Six classes are scheduled to start at once, with five more opening shortly thereafter. Registration may be made any time between 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. at the school headquarters. Enrollment in most of the classes is limited, and first applicants will be given preference.

One of the classes, that given under the auspices of the Young Communist League and including one hour of drill and one hour of political discussion of current events, will be given at 1223 Fillmore street every Monday night from 7:30 until 9:30.

Other classes scheduled to open include: Principles of Communism, Marxian Economics A & B, Problems of the Oppressed Nationalities in California (Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Negro and Filipino), Workers' Self-Defense in Court, and a weekly Marxist Review of World News.

Classes which will open in the near future include: A History of the Three Internationals, Trade Union Organization, Reformism and the Labor Unions (role of the Socialist Party, A. F. of L. misleaders, EPIC's Utopia, etc.), and classes in short wave radio, English for workers, and Russian.

## RED BUILDERS TO BOOST WESTERN WORKER IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Red Builders will organize in Los Angeles to sell the Western and Daily Worker on important street corners and in front of shops and factories.

Workers already selling papers and others who will do so under the new arrangement will meet on Monday, September 24, in room 418, 224 S. Spring street. In the meantime all Party and C. L. units are called upon to discuss this with their unemployed members and assign them to building the workers' press.

A special proposition will be offered whereby unemployed comrades will be guaranteed full expenses for real revolutionary work.

## Buy A Chrysler Or Get Fired, Edict To Chrysler Workers

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—The Chrysler assembling plant on Slauson avenue here has decided to chisel its employees a little more than before. Recently it issued orders to every worker in the plant that if they have any other car besides a Chrysler they must dispose of it before October 15, or look for work elsewhere. This means that the Chrysler will take back another large chunk of the workers' wages by selling them cars.

**Zlodi Bros.**  
Daily Lunch & Cafeteria  
67 Fourth St., cor Jessie, S. F.

## Rifles, Infantry Drill In CCC Camp

"Protecting Lives—AND Property!"



## Quinn Breaking Slot Machines For Movies Is Blind To Others

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The current issue of the "Pacific Coin Machine Review" carries a full-page picture of 20 slot machines installed in the roof garden of the Hotel Whitcomb, along with the advertising blurb that they were used almost 24 hours a day during the five-day American Legion convention in San Francisco.

This blurb is released at the same time a newsreel is being shown in movie theaters showing Chief of Police Quinn of San Francisco smashing slot machines which were confiscated during recent raids.

## Fail To Frighten Mendoza Into Lying Against Comrades

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—George Mendoza, young P.C.L.R. member, who was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to commit a crime because he had not appeared as a witness in the case of Libby Fuchs and Jake Shulman, charged with malicious mischief, was released without trial, because the police thought that they could scare him into being a "state" witness against the other comrades. Mendoza stayed away from home for a couple of days while the cops waited to serve a subpoena on him, but when he didn't show up, they served the papers on his

grandmother who doesn't speak a word of English, and who forgot about the paper. After the trial, Mendoza came home to find the police with a bench warrant for his arrest.

Johnson, the International La-

bor Defense attorney who handled the case, asked the policeman just one question, "Did you serve this paper in a lawful manner, on the person of the accused?" When he replied, "No," the judge had to throw the case out of court.

## Idyllwild Camp Is Used For Military Training

MEN AT IDYLLWILD CAMP REFUSED RIGHT TO VOTE AS WELL

CCC CAMP, IDYLLWILD, Calif., Sept. 16.—Things are happening up here. There are about 250 men from 12 to 45 years of age, mostly from Southern California, in camp. Out of this number about 75 are taking military training, infantry movements, and are armed with army rifles. The maneuvers will soon include target practice, it is reported.

On election day the camp authorities refused to furnish transportation to the enlisted men that they might get to the polls at Hemet 25 miles away to vote. In other words the officers tried to disfranchise the rank and file of this labor army.

The men were unorganized so the action was not very effective. Some of these of voting age stopped work and hiked to Hemet.

The rank and file members of all the CCC camps should organize, and elect camp councils to guard their interests as workers and citizens. The authorities have demanded transportation to the polling place. But there are other things to fight for, and they can win them—by organizing.

—C. M.

## 125 Strike And Win At San Luis Camp; Five Are Arrested

SAN LUIS OBISPO CAMP, Sept. 15.—One hundred and twenty-five men here struck against the "mystery" sandwiches and the so-called coffee. The men paraded off the job, which was that of building a private property road into the transient camp. Five were arrested, and a score expelled from the camp.

The five jailed have entered "not guilty" pleas at Arroyo Grande.

But as a result of the fight the lunches are now better. This camp is becoming traditional for its strikes, and the men intend to keep up the fight for better conditions.

## Foreign News Briefs

## U. S. S. R. Peace Policy Wins Again!

PARIS, Sept. 11.—(By short-wave radio.)—Shift in the balance of foreign relations to the temporary benefit of the Soviet Union was noted here today when, in his speech, French Foreign Minister Louis Barthou not only had to praise the peace policy of the Soviet Union, but also had to admit that the Soviet stand in favor of an Eastern Locarno had also forced the support of England, Italy, and the Little Entente (Rumania, Jugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia). This shift in foreign relations is produced primarily by the pending internal collapse of Nazi Germany, which makes her untrustworthy as the spearhead of the anti-Soviet bloc which England and Italy had been jointly sponsoring in England. Germany's repudiation of her foreign debts has also caused England and Italy to look upon the Hitler government with increasing distrust.

## First Bulgarian Ambassador to U. S. S. R.

SOFIA, Sept. 11.—Following upon the victory of the U. S. S. R. in obtaining recognition by the Bulgarian government, the first Bulgarian ambassador to the Soviet Union, Professor Mikhailchey, left today for Moscow after a conversation with the premier and the foreign minister.

## Japanese Provocations Continue

KHABAROVSK, Sept. 11.—Harbin reports the continued violence against Soviet citizens on the Chinese Eastern Railway, in the continued Japanese provocations. Arrested citizens who refuse to make untrue confessions are subjected to every manner of violent tortures. The general consul of the U. S. S. R. has made new energetic representations to the Manchurian authorities. Unwarranted arrests among Soviet railway officials continue. Two children of Soviet citizens were kidnapped by bandits from the station at Khabarovsk. The Turbin press, instructed by the imperialistic circles of Japan, attempts to link these bandits with the Soviet Union, and has opened a campaign objecting to renewal of negotiations for the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

## London Fascist Meet Broken Up

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Despite the sabotaging attempts of the Labor Party leaders, an anti-fascist united front of 100,000 workers in Hyde Park, under the leadership of the Communist Party, prevented Sir Oswald Mosely, leader of the British Fascists, from even opening what was scheduled as a great mass fascist demonstration. Only 5,000 Mosely supporters turned out, and although they were protected by 7,000 policemen, the huge crowd of anti-fascist workers booed Mosely into silence, shouted their support of anti-fascist slogans, and drove him from the stand.

## Nazis Plan Quick Murder of Thae mann

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Secret parleys of the Nazi party congress in Nuremberg are still going on, the purpose of which are to organize the swift execution of Ernst Thaelmann, the World Committee to Aid the Victims of Fascism learned here Tuesday. On September 4th Goebbels, fascist minister of propaganda, announced as one of the main Nazi tasks for the coming winter speedy measures for "removing" Thaelmann and other class-war prisoners, after attacking the "Free Thaelmann" campaign as the pivot of anti-Nazi agitation throughout the world. Under no circumstances, Goebbels declared, should long protracted trials (similar to the Dimitroff-Torgler Reichstag trial) be permitted, pointing out that the new "people's courts" could operate as swiftly as a military tribunal.

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## Try To Deport Ivar Stjarnmark, Militant San Pedro Seaman

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Deportation proceedings against Ivar Stjarnmark, militant seaman arrested during the terror against maritime workers, were instituted Monday by the Immigration Court of San Pedro.

Stjarnmark was arrested in Long Beach on May 27th, held on vagrancy charges, then released without trial. In the blanket raids which followed the outbreak of the San Pedro strike, Stjarnmark was caught and held for deportation to Sweden.

\* Refuse Medical Aid. In jail, Stjarnmark, ill at the time of arrest, was denied medical attention, was fed inadequately, and subjected to the brutality that is now common knowledge of the San Pedro strikers. He demanded medical attention, which was refused. He demanded better food; also refused.

Hearings were postponed until Monday, when Grover Johnson entered his plea on his behalf. Because of the findings of the court must be sent to Washington for verdict, the outcome of the case will not be known for a week or ten days.

## Negro Audience In L. A. Applauds the Communist Program

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—The Communist program for solution of the crisis following approval of a Negro audience of 150 last night when five strikers of 150 different political and economic groups were given the floor.

Lawrence Ross, Communist congressional candidate in the 14th district, first speaker on the symposium, was followed by a Republican, a Sinclair Democrat, a Utopian, and a technocrat who wore a Sinclair button. At the close of the talks the chairman called each speaker to stand, the audience to express its approval by applause.

Although the audience was not a class-conscious one, Ross received the major applause for the Communist Party. The meeting took place at the Ross-Snyder Clubhouse on 38th street near Hooper.

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## World Events and Western Workers

## Communist Party Work in the Japanese Army — Correspondence From Japanese Soldiers — Fake Work Projects In Japan — Comparison With Red Army — Revolutionary Outbreaks.

your head," and so forth. But if all this is true, that the Emperor is our Master, and we are his faithful servants, then how is it that the following events can happen? How did the Monarchist government, the militarists, and the police have, when the street car workers, who are our brothers, recently began a struggle against dismissals, against wage cuts and persecutions? What did they do when our fathers and brothers in the villages in the prefectures of Niigata, Yamaguchi, Mie, Settsu, Aomori, and Hokkaido rose against the hated landlords for rice, and for land? The Emperor's government is a government which ruthlessly suppresses the struggle of our fathers and brothers against unemployment, exploitation and the demands of the military uniform, are told that we must be the first servants of the Emperor, they deceive us! . . .

"On June 20, while training, 15 soldiers showed very bad marks in their drill. As punishment they were ordered to run at full speed in full equipment from Toyomahara to the barracks. Tired from the day's training, one of the recruits fainted during the race in the street of Sendai. Half an hour later he was found lying there by the comrades who picked him up. Another of these soldiers lost consciousness and dropped near Seimon. He regained consciousness only in the morning. This refers not only to the soldiers who suffered in this particular case, but to the military training is applied to all soldiers. Therefore this case is one that affects us all. Many of us are discontented, but we keep silent. After this case, we have begun to feel the necessity of uniting the purpose of the military training demands to the others and the non-commissioned officers. We shall immediately organize a soldiers' committee! "Soldiers of X Co., Y Regiment" (Soldier's Friend, No. 2, March 10, 1933).

## "Political Schooling"

The Japanese militarists devote a great deal of attention to the ideological training of the soldier. The line followed by this particular political schooling is to make a devoted servant to the Emperor and fatherland of the worker or peasant lad, to set him against "domestic and foreign enemies." Particular attention is devoted to setting the soldier against the U. S. S. R. and the Communist Party in the army. The Party began to issue a special monthly paper for the masses of soldiers. In October, the mass arrests of Communists disrupted the publication of the paper for a time, but it began to appear once more in the beginning of March, 1934. A new newspaper, "The Lofly Maki," began to appear in the military post of Kure. Local papers were published by Communists in the barracks, men-of-war and ports.

## Robots Of Death.

A recruit ceases to be a human being as soon as the gates of the barracks are locked behind him. He becomes a soldier. Day in and day out, until his unit is sent to the front, he will march on the parade ground until he is dizzy, and to the accompaniment of the howling of soldiers and sailors. He will be taught to shoot, to stab, and to suffocate while wearing a mask during training. Military drill, cruelty and promotion will make an obedient killing automaton out of him.

The Soldier's Friend approaches the soldier, who is tormented by his drill, by dealing with the things that are dealing with him. Publishing letters from soldiers and sailors in different units, the newspaper shows how hard is the life of the soldier in the army and in the navy. By arousing a protest from the masses against the barbaric methods employed in military training, the newspaper shows the way to struggle, namely, by creating soldier's commit-

tees. "The government is advertising building works for the relief of the peasantry, as the basic work to help the population. It says that if one-half of the 75,000,000 yen allotted for this work, i.e., 37,500,000 yen, is spent as wages to the peasants employed on it, then 437,000 peasants will thus be helped. This is an outright lie! Only 315,000 people will be able to get employment. Compare this figure with the 30,000,000 population of starving peasants. Such an audacious figure of "relief!" The Sekki writes systematically about the disastrous position of the peasants, about the way tenants are driven from the land, about the forcible extortion of taxes, about the confiscation of their crops and the sale of farms by auction in order to extort debts and taxes. The paper explains that the 22 billion yen budget, the war loans, the driving of the workers in the peasant families to the front doom the peasants to ever more weighty disasters. The paper demands that all tax indebtedness be annulled, that the poor and middle peasants be exempted from taxes, that all the taxes should be extracted from the landlords and the kulaks. The paper demands that the units be recalled from the front, and that the money spent for the war be devoted to assisting the peasants and the unemployed.

## Link Workers With Soldiers.

The Communists who work in the village in the peasant unions use the opportunity provided by cases of oppression by the landlords of the families of peasants recruited into the army, and cases of land confiscation, etc., to link up the struggle of the tenants with the anti-war struggle. In a

number of regions the revolutionary peasant union has succeeded in organizing its anti-war activity so efficiently, that the authorities and the gendarme have been forced to restrain the attacks of the landlords on the soldiers' families.

The Communist Party of Japan exposes the class nature of the "Emperor's army," and is fighting for the establishment of an active link between the workers and the soldiers.

## Japan's New Deal.

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## Tells About Red Army.

The Party is popularizing the peace policy of the U. S. S. R. among the masses of soldiers and tells them what the Red Army is, how it differs from the Japanese "Emperor's army." In the Soldier's Friend of March 10, 1933, a large article headed, "A Day in a Red Army Barracks of the U. S. S. R.," the paper described this day, from reveille in the morning until "lights out" at night, and related how the Red Army man masters military technique, how he improves his cultural standards

how he spends his leisure hours. The paper built its entire story on a contrast between the conditions prevailing in Soviet barracks and those in Japanese barracks. In a description of the political hour, devoted to the question of the possibility of the Japanese troops, who seized Manchuria, attacking the Soviet border, a Red Army man says:

"We will have to fight firmly against those who attack our Soviet Union, our workers and peasants' State, whoever they may be. However, not all are alike in the Japanese army. The majority in that army are Japanese soldiers who do not know for whose sake they come to Manchuria. They are not fighting for. But there is a real army, who forces these soldiers to fight. This is the Japanese capitalists, the landlords and the monarchist government. The Japanese soldiers, like ourselves, are children of the workers and of the peasants. There is no law that the children of the workers and of the peasants should kill each other. And this should be told to our Japanese comrades in the first place.

"Fifteen years ago we annihilated the barbaric power of tsarism, and of the landlords and capitalists, and established a workers' and peasants' power in Russia. For 15 years we have defended this power and have built up a Socialist State. The Japanese comrades must stop this fact as soon as possible and establish in their country, in Japan, the power of the workers, peasants and soldiers."

## Soldier Militants.

The Party and its press are conducting great work in exposing the class nature of the imperial army, making use for this purpose of the facts of the shooting of revolutionary units at the front. For instance, the Soldier's Friend reported the following: "In the beginning of January the soldiers of the N Company of the Himeji division, stationed in Dzieranton (Chinese geographical name given in Japanese transcription) region, indignantly at the delay in demobilization, began to return home arbitrarily, ignoring the orders of their commanders, and inflicting other units by their example. The sacred commanders of the division immediately surrounded the soldiers in revolt with a detachment which excelled them in numbers and arrested the soldiers who offered resistance. Two hundred men were arrested and shot.

As one man, these Japanese soldiers showed no resistance to the end and fell under the bullets of the Japanese imperialists with the revolutionary call: 'Down with the imperialist war! Evacuate the army from China!' (Oct. 3, 1933).





By MICHAEL QUIN

The Rev. Raymond T. Feeley, S.J., of the University of San Francisco, has announced a new course entitled "THE CASE AGAINST COMMUNISM." "We are anxious to establish," said this sales representative for the Lord God Jehovah, "an intellectual case against red propaganda which is attempting to undermine American institutions. But first the ethical, historical and economic background must be laid."

Establishing the "ethical, historical and economic background" will be more interesting to watch than excavation for a skyscraper. For a beginning he might try to explain why the living conditions of the workers in the Soviet Union have improved several hundred percent during the past sixteen years of the Communist program, while conditions in capitalist countries have declined at an equal rate. But perhaps he doesn't have the workers in mind!

The Einstein theory will be simple arithmetic compared with the scientific explanation the reverend will have to invent in order to demonstrate that the earth should be the privately owned estate of a handful of millionaires.

The closing of schools during the past few years has been equalled only by the opening of saloons. Here was the score a few months ago: 2,250,000 kids who belong in school are roaming the streets; 2,000 rural schools failed to open; 16 colleges and 1,500 commercial schools shut down. School terms are shorter than they were 70 years ago; 900,000 country children are only attending school part time.

Since these statistics were compiled by the U. S. Commissioner of Education, things have grown steadily worse.

The only new schools that have opened have been a few academies of brain torture like that of the Reverend Feeley.

Meanwhile, university regents, under sharp pressure from their capitalist subsidizers, are hastening to direct higher education into channels of "scientific redscam."

Capitalism's most boasted product has suddenly turned into its most dangerous enemy. Science when applied to capitalism results in a complete indictment. Education produces "Reds."

In Bulgaria they have begun to shut down the schools on the explanation that there are too many educated people and what the future needs is a race of peasants. In Italy and Germany military training has been substituted for intelligent learning.

Every time a school shuts down in America two new ones open in the Soviet Union. Every time a book is burned or banned in a capitalist country, ten new ones are printed in the Soviet Union.

## I.L.A. ELECTION

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John Larson .....698  
Joe McBride .....756  
John McGuire .....666  
Chas. Miller .....745  
Pat O'Rourke .....649  
Bill Owens .....576  
Geo. Rodgers .....702  
Henry Schimpf .....781  
Les Steinhardt .....596  
J. Sullivan .....678  
Joe Sweetman .....568  
Billy West .....627  
Fred Palmer .....606  
For Janitor, Larry Boyle was elected over Carl Olsen by 624 to 563.

## AGENDA, State Convention of the Communist Party, Sacramento, September 20, 1934:

Convention to be opened at 10 a. m. by Mini Carson. Election of temporary chairman and secretary. Temporary chairman appoints committee on credentials, resolutions, etc. Election of permanent officers. Report on "Why Communists Participate in Parliamentary Elections," by Lawrence Ross, Congressional candidate from Los Angeles. Report and adoption of the platform of the Communist Party by Albert Hougard, Congressional candidate from Sacramento. Lunch recess. Report of the campaign and proposals for the conduct of the campaign—by Mini Carson, Congressional candidate from San Francisco. Discussion by delegates. Report of the resolutions committee and adoption of the resolutions. Adjourn.

## Communist Conv.

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To prevent the Party from conducting its campaign. Three policemen intimidated the owner of Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore street, against allowing the meeting to take place, and forced him to keep the hall closed up. A. F. of L. fakers joined with the police in their anti-Party campaign when the president of the San Francisco Cannery Workers' Union, acting on orders of Joe Casey and the Labor Council, refused a speech by San Darcy, Communist candidate for governor, at the meeting at 1083 Mission street to take place despite the fact that the vice-president of the union, had previously promised the hall, and that a number of rank-and-file members who had been present were highly enthusiastic about holding the conference there.

Both these conferences will be held next weekend.

Thirty workers were at the Marina section conference, where Jack Olsen, young worker candidate for state senator from San Francisco, was the speaker. Assembly district and election campaign managers arranging for local radio broadcasts can procure, free, an electrical transcription of a speech by San Darcy, Communist candidate for governor. This transcription is suitable for a fifteen-minute broadcast, and treats of the main issues in the Communist platform. Make requests for this record from the State Election Campaign Committee, 37 Grove street, San Francisco, stating where and when it will be used.

Darcy For Governor headquarters have been established in district 22 of San Francisco at 1006 O'Farrell street, and in district 23 at 1292 Valencia street.

Los Angeles has set up Darcy For Governor offices in Belvedere, Boyle Heights, the Southern Pacific shops district, and in the downtown area.

Preparations for the Brown-Perry statewide tour are being made in each individual city, in order to get a mass welcome for Archie Brown, militant young worker candidate for treasurer, and Pettis Perry, heroic Negro leader of Los Angeles unemployed struggles. Dates for the tour are as follows:

Stockton .....Oct. 2  
Modesto .....Oct. 3  
Fresno .....Oct. 4  
Tulare .....Oct. 5  
Bakersfield .....Oct. 6  
San Bernardino .....Oct. 8  
San Diego .....Oct. 9  
Los Angeles .....Oct. 10, 11, 12

# MUNITIONS AS MERCHANDISE

"In the event of another war, I do not believe a nation in the world will be able to survive." Then he added with a slow smile, "But I am a business man and my business is selling submarines."

This was the reply of L. Y. Spear, vice-president of the Electric Boat Company, an American submarine concern, to the Senate Munitions Committee.

In 1880, when Hiram Maxim was demonstrating his newly invented machinegun, he declared that the existence of this weapon would render war so horrible that civilized nations would refuse to engage in it.

It was Basil Zaharoff, the international millionaire and munitions magnate, who recognized that Maxim had created a highly marketable article of merchandise.

He entered into partnership with Maxim and has since supplied every warring nation not only machineguns but tools of destruction powerful and horrible beyond the wildest dreams of old white-bearded Maxim. Zaharoff today heads an international armaments ring that has a virtual monopoly throughout the world. Only six countries are engaged in the manufacture of armaments and in all these countries Zaharoff and the clique that he heads has virtual domination.

## \* Keep the Hell-Fires Burning.

During the past sixty years this ring has supplied arms and munitions to both sides of every war that has been waged. In most cases they have operated plants behind both lines and have arranged, whenever a shortage loomed, to transport supplies from one warring nation to its enemy through some neutral country. During the world war, German soldiers were entangled in barbed wire manufactured in Germany. British troops were mowed down by British bullets from enemy trenches. Zaharoff and his colleagues reaped untold millions from the slaughter and as tribute to him has been decorated by most of the nations of Europe.

That this monopoly has not excluded the U. S. was revealed by the findings of the Senate Munitions Committee when it probed into the files of the Electric Boat Co., the past few weeks. This firm, definitely linked with the notorious British concern, Vickers, Ltd., is a part of the Zaharoff submarine monopoly. Electric Boat has been supplying submarines to nearly every country of the world and, like every other firm, engaged in international trade, has been intimately involved in world politics. Bribery of "special commissions," political lobbying both at home and abroad, intrigue and graft are all aspects of business technique. Incidents of these practices have been uncovered in such quantities in the Electric Boat files that a bound volume would hardly contain them. And the Electric Boat Company is only the first in line. Other corporations are yet to be scrutinized. These firms, fattening off the mass murder of workers who march to slaughter under the hysterical banners of national patriotism, are themselves thoroughly international in character and cannot fail to profit regardless of which side wins.

## \* Sabotaging the Soviets.

It is interesting to recall here the arrest and imprisonment in Soviet Russia of several British engineers who were discovered to be spies of Vickers, Ltd., indulging in sabotage within Russian plants. Soviet Russia being the only arms-manufacturing country in the world which is outside the domination of international capitalism. The arrested engineers, after being thoroughly exposed, were released by the Soviets. The capitalist press of the world set up a unanimous wailing of criticism and slander against Russia over the incident. The files of the Electric Boat Company should be sufficient evidence of the justice of Russia's accusations.

The capitalist press has delighted in romanticizing Zaharoff as the "Mystery Man of Europe." Nobody knows where he has been, how much money he has or the exact extent of his holdings. His appearance, his walk, his personality, are all described in absurd detail. But what we, as workers, are interested in is not the cut of his beard or the color of his eyes, but the system of society that he represents.

It is the aim of capitalism to make its faults appear as the faults of individuals operating within its folds. "Investigations

and "clean-ups" have been going on without cease since the very beginning of capitalism.

## \* The Patriotic Duponts.

One of the professed purposes of the Senate arms investigation is to find out who profits by war. Ledgers of the Dupont family's interests revealed that they reaped a modest business in 1914 to 1918 amounting to \$1,245,000,000, or about \$124.50 per skull for every murdered worker.

Pierre Dupont informed the committee that part of these profits were used to buy one-fourth of all General Motors stock, much of it had been paid out in dividends to smaller capitalists holding shares in this ghoulish enterprise, and that a very large portion had been invested in the dye manufacturing business, particularly German dye patents. This, said Dupont, was performing a "great service to America."

The dye business is one of the basic war industries, dye works being poison gas plants at one and the same time. It was the Germans who invented and perfected poison gas and first used it in the war.

Munitions manufacturers are by no means the only ones who profit by war. Not only dye, but soap and every other chemical industry is instantly convertible to the manufacture of poison gas. The basic industries that supply the raw materials for armaments reaped as much loot as the actual cannon makers. The automotive industry supplies trucks, tanks, and airplane motors.

It is no mystery who profits by war. There is not a capitalist enterprise in existence that does not look toward war for profit.

## \* Imperialist Rivalry.

Every war is preceded by a frenzy of "investigations" and "exposures" by capitalism. At the present time the war industries are the only ones that are functioning with any vigor. All of the major nations are not only arming themselves on a scale that has no parallel in history, but are arming smaller nations over which they have domination. Who is supplying these arms and reaping the profits has become of vital concern to rival capitalist groupings. The technique of warfare involves efforts to cut

off enemy nations from their supplies of war materials.

The Gran-Chaco conflict is an excellent example. It represents a struggle between British and American imperialist interests. It is being waged not only by supplying arms to the warring countries but by efforts to achieve boycotts which would give the advantage to one side or the other. In a situation of this kind, powerful capitalist groups find themselves faced with an international armament combine which cares little which side buys arms just so it buys. It becomes necessary to break this monopoly and re-establish control along more national lines—more along the lines of the nationalist groupings of capitalism itself. As the crisis grows rapidly more acute, the friction between competing capitalist groups becomes sharper—their quarrels more bitter and their general corruption more obvious in the mudslinging that results.

The existence of Zaharoff and his ring, the implication of American manufacturers, and the all-around corruption of their methods have been well known to students of international affairs for many years. It has not become convenient to the maneuvering of capitalists to "expose" this racket until the present.

So-called "probing" into the private files of any capitalist enterprise, be it anything from lead pencils to 12-inch guns, would reveal the same welter of lobbyings, "special commissions," graft and intrigues. The Senate munitions investigation becomes as ridiculous as the corrupt political machine headed by Huey Long marching out the national guard to clean up the corruption of Louisiana.

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## 15 S. F. Workers Still Face Frame Up Courts; Freed

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Only three of the cases still holding over from the Red Raids of the General Strike period were dismissed today, and workers are urged to renew their protests demanding the release of the fifteen cases still pending.

Previously mass protest had succeeded in winning 34 dismissals. Cases dismissed this morning included those of Dr. Franklin Bissell, Jack Jones and Charles White.

Judge Ames refused to dismiss cases of Jack Olsen, district organizer of the Young Communist League, and Dave Lyon, editor of the Young Worker Supplement.

On September 24, cases of Kent and Johnson, charged with refusal to move on, and of Victor Puises, charged with vagrancy, will come to trial.

October 1, the remaining cases, including Machiarini, Newman and Gans, charged with "rioting" during the May 30 National Youth Day demonstration; and of Newman, Metzger, Smith, Angell, D'Orleans and Firestone, and Garrison, will come up for setting of date.

Workers are urged to appear in court at 9:45 in the morning when these cases are due to come up.

## AFL CONVENTION

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strike and sympathetic strikes as a main weapon of organized labor. Others include the fight for industrial unionism instead of split-up craft unionism, as necessary to fight the organized unions of the bosses—the Industrial Association, Chamber of Commerce, etc., the fight for real unemployment insurance such as the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill (HR 7598) instead of the Wagner bill, no expulsion of members for political affiliation, for repeal of the criminal syndicalism law which, as interpreted in the charges in the present cases in Sacramento would outlaw strikes, and other resolutions having as their aim greater rank and file control and more militant struggle.

President A. H. Hochs, in his report, showed the opposition to this in offering instead of struggle the hope "that this convention will take definite action to urge proper governmental agencies to compel employers to live up to the law just as labor has done." Such pussy-footing phrases as a substitute for struggle, proven false in all the "arbitrations" and urging of governmental authorities which have only resulted in betrayals of struggles, are what the rank and file are increasingly fighting against. They see the government agencies—troops, arbitration boards, etc.—in all cases lined up against them and backing the bosses.

Hochs also brought in the "red scare" in his report, stating that the A. F. of L. (leaders) had repeatedly expressed themselves on Communism and urging "all members to be constantly alert to prevent such groups from discrediting or in any way interfering with the purposes for which we are organized."

Scharrenberg, in his speech, exposed the weakness of the A. F. of L. in boasting that they had recruited 10,000 members in the past years, when it is obvious to all that in the General Strike alone, had they fought an honest fight, they could have had at least that many swam into the unions voluntarily. Instead here, as in most other instances, no real effort was made to organize the workers for struggle. The only move was in the agricultural fields where they worked to set up a counter-union to the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union and, as in the case of the Salinas and Brentwood strikes, betray the workers' militant struggle.

Upton Sinclair was brought in by the arrangements committee the first day to angle for votes, but no action was taken following his speech.

The excuse used for this move, which is calculated to get a new bond issue and give the board more funds to "administer," was that none of the schools are up to present-day "specifications" for earthquake construction. None of the school buildings here have been in the least damaged by earthquakes. Still the board, in its effort to secure the passage of a bond issue that has already been refused once, offering the ridiculous solution of closing half of the schools and crowding more children into the other half. The plan is also the first step toward elimination of teachers or cuts in their teaching hours.

More than 200 attended the first mass protest meeting held by the Women's Council. At this meeting a broader committee was formed to hold a second mass meeting with more than 400 in attendance.

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## San Francisco

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## BURBANK WOMEN COUNCIL FIGHTS CLOSED SCHOOLS

BURBANK, Calif., Sept. 16.—Initiated by the Women's Council of this widespread movement here is demanding the full-time opening of all schools. The action is in response to the school board's announcement that half of the schools will be closed, and tents put up for classrooms on the other schools.

The excuse used for this move, which is calculated to get a new bond issue and give the board more funds to "administer," was that none of the schools are up to present-day "specifications" for earthquake construction. None of the school buildings here have been in the least damaged by earthquakes. Still the board, in its effort to secure the passage of a bond issue that has already been refused once, offering the ridiculous solution of closing half of the schools and crowding more children into the other half. The plan is also the first step toward elimination of teachers or cuts in their teaching hours.

More than 200 attended the first mass protest meeting held by the Women's Council. At this meeting a broader committee was formed to hold a second mass meeting with more than 400 in attendance.

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## 650 Cheer Communist Program at L.A. 15th Anniversary Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—Filling all available seats and aisles, an overflow crowd of approximately 650 workers and sympathizers celebrated the Communist Party's fifteenth anniversary last night at the Cultural Center.

The crowd enthusiastically cheered Lawrence Ross, Communist spokesman who summarized the achievements of the Party over the 15 years.

Contributing to the entertainment were the Young Pioneers, the Armenian Workers' Club Players, the Russian Workers' Choir, and a string quartet.

A prolonged cheer greeted the Rev. Albert D. Bell of a liberal church of Belvedere when he arose among other representatives of organizations to greet the Communist Party in the name of his congregation and pledge the total of a Sunday night collection.

Los Angeles has set up Darcy For Governor offices in Belvedere, Boyle Heights, the Southern Pacific shops district, and in the downtown area.

Preparations for the Brown-Perry statewide tour are being made in each individual city, in order to get a mass welcome for Archie Brown, militant young worker candidate for treasurer, and Pettis Perry, heroic Negro leader of Los Angeles unemployed struggles. Dates for the tour are as follows:

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## BIG WELCOME AFFAIR for the Semi-Weekly Western Worker

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## ARIZONA

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retary of state on the Communist ticket), Florentino Castillo, Mike C. Darr, William Broome, Charles H. McCall, Albert Eggert, Myrtle Harris and Mrs. Ray Urman. Continuation of the suppression campaign against the Communist Party and all militant workers' organizations has been announced by the American Legion and Chamber of Commerce. The Party recently complied with the state laws and established itself on the election ballot by filing the names of 2,450 qualified voters with the secretary of state.

In answer to the attack on the Communist Party in Arizona, a large mass rally was held on Sunday night, September 9th, in Miami, a mining camp controlled by the Van Dyke interests. The speakers were not molested, despite the fact that the entire city of Miami, including the mine things and police, were present to hear the Communist speakers. Martin



## Editorial Column

### We Opened the Capitol... Open the Jail

Thursday the Communist Party holds its State Convention under the roof of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

This fact is giving the bosses, the police departments, American Legion officials and other subversive elements no pleasure, you may be sure. They know only too well what it means—that so far all their efforts to illegalize the Communist Party, all the vicious attacks, wave of terror and frame-ups, have failed miserably. The will of more than 30,000 citizens who signed the petitions, put the Party on the ballot, and particularly the great wave of protests from individuals and organizations from all over the state and all parts of the nation, and the great protest registered in the huge vote against Merriam's attacks, have been the force that their trickery and attacks could not beat.

The convention, where the Communist election platform will be adopted and the state-wide campaign mapped out, signals an important milestone in the fight of the Communist Party, and a proof of the statement made in these columns two months ago that the Communist Party cannot be suppressed. But though a great victory, it is only one milestone in that advance.

For in that same city the frame-up trials of eighteen workers on charges of criminal syndicalism are going on at the same time as the convention. In Sacramento city the suppressive measures still continue. Two of the candidates who should be at the convention—Pat Chambers, Communist candidate for U. S. Senator, and Nora Conklin—will be absent, held in jail a few blocks away on the criminal syndicalism charge, while Albert Hougardy, candidate for Congress, was only released on \$4,000 cash bail.

The same strength that stopped the attempt to illegalize the Communist Party and drive it underground is the only force that can smash these frame-up trials. Convictions in these cases mean the whole attack can be loosed again; mean that being a member of the Communist Party is counted a crime in this State, as would membership in the Cannery and Agricultural workers' Industrial Union or teaching Marxism and Leninism. It would mean that strikes would be outlawed and participation in them be punishable legally by imprisonment. The victory gained in the General Strike of beating back the attempt to establish the open shop would thus be lost.

Rally behind the fight of the Committee for Labor's Civil Rights, and the International Labor Defense to force the repeal of the vicious criminal syndicalism law!

Workers in trade unions! Demand that your local pass a resolution against this vicious frame-up law. See that your delegate to the A. F. of L. convention be instructed to fight for a resolution there against it!

### The A.F. of L. Fight on the General Strike

Opening today, one of the most important State Conventions of the California State Federation of Labor, has begun in Pasadena and the fight expected against the official machine will mark it as one that may be a turning point in California labor history. So important do the A. F. of L. officials now in the saddle consider it that they have brought in reinforcements of international officers from the East to help them.

Against a background of the recent General Strike in San Francisco and the greatest strike wave in American labor history now sweeping the country, led by the textile strikers, the machinery is oiled to put over a reactionary program to beat down, if they can, the rising demand for industrial unionism and rank and file control.

Edward Vanderleur, hated by the rank and file of union members for his part in betraying the San Francisco General Strike; Scharrenberg, O'Connell & Co., are preparing to bring in resolutions against the use of sympathetic or general strikes. This is in line with the denunciation of Wm. Green, A. F. of L. president, during the San Francisco strike, and in the present stage of the struggle between capital and labor, more than ever before, amounts to turning the workers, organized and unorganized, over to the bosses, bound hand and foot.

Several main resolutions on industrial unionism, the struggle for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law, the fight against expulsion of members on political grounds, which is aimed at expelling Communist Party members or other militants who will be called "red" for the purpose of getting rid of them, will come up. The big fight will revolve around the resolution to be introduced by delegates of the International Longshoremen's Association. This endorses the use of the General Strike and sympathetic strikes as a main weapon in the fight against the bosses' attacks.

The whole tactic being carried out by the A. F. of L. machine in strikes is splitting the ranks of the workers. Wherever possible they prevent the strike from occurring in the first place, and when they cannot use this tactic they try to break the strike by splitting the ranks. The Salinas strike, where unity of Filipino and white workers was broken, is one example. The present maneuvering of Gorman, McMahon and others to force arbitration in the textile strike is another. But the one freshest in workers' minds is the betrayal of the San Francisco General Strike where, unable to stop the movement in support of the striking marine workers, the notorious "Board of Strategy" was formed and, putting itself in power, then broke the strike by sending back first the municipal carmen, then the teamsters, and finally, this being accomplished, sent the others back to work leaving the marine workers deserted and in the hands of the Arbitration Board which to date has not given any decision.

Now those same fakers will lead the fight against the use of general strikes and sympathetic strikes. Vanderleur, who stuck the first knife in the longshoremen and seamen's backs, is running for president of the State Federation.

Workers in the American Federation of Labor have long realized that one isolated union can rarely win a strike against organized industrialists unless backed up by other crafts in the same industry and, if necessary, the power of organized labor in other industries. This is daily proven in almost every strike.

Delegates to the State Federation! Beat down the attempt to kill general and sympathetic strikes as a weapon. Beat down the attempt to throttle your united action. The fight of the labor unions depends on this. Fight for all resolutions which work toward greater militant struggle, and increased rank and file control. Only by such a fight can labor gain from this convention and be in a better position to face the struggles of the near future.

Workers in the locals: Instruct your delegates to the National Convention of the A. F. of L. in October to carry on the fight for these resolutions!

### L. A. WORKERS' SCHOOL OFFERS 2 YR. COURSES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—A special two-year course covering the main fields of revolutionary theory and practice has been established as part of the curriculum of the Los Angeles Workers' School, the fall session of which will start September 24.

Students enrolling for the two-year course will be sent into regular basic classes of the school, but will be given special work and required to report at a special weekly half-hour session first check-up. Classes for the first term will include fundamentals of Communism, Political Economy A, and the History of the American Working Class.

This new program does not detract from the variety of basic and specialized courses taught in the school.

A featured new course during the coming fall term will be Leninism, taught by Lawrence Ross, secretary of the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party.

Workers in trade unionism, workers' self-defense (I.L.D.), specialized subjects such as women's work, children's work, youth work, Negro and national minority problems, will be regular classes.

A new feature will be a weekly course in "News of the Week,"

### L. A. Relief Union Organizes Fight On Gas Shut-Offs

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Campaigning against the practice of shutting off gas and lights, the Relief Workers' Protective Union recently took Mrs. Sam Jones to the welfare department to show why it is impossible for unemployed to pay the bills on the meager county allowances.

Mrs. Jones is the wife of Sam Jones, county organizer of the R. W. P. U. and Communist candidate for assembly in district 62, who is serving 150 days in jail for organizing committees to turn on gas and electricity. The committee, accompanied by unemployed from the neighborhood showed how Mrs. Jones receives from the county only the rent, a "G-3" grocery order amounting to about 30 cents value per week and a "utilities" check of \$4.75 per month. Out of this latter Mrs. Jones is supposed to buy salt, matches, shortening and many other items to supplement the all-star of the grocery order.

Although the welfare department refused to increase Mrs. Jones' allowance, the committee is now canvassing the neighborhood to get signatures on a protest resolution and to organize a mass committee for further delegations.

### "Smash the C. S. Frame-ups With Power That Opened the Capitol"



## Sinclair - Will His EPIC Plan Work?

ISSUED BY DISTRICT 13, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

If you are a worker, unemployed, small farmer, or a small property owner, you need hardly be told that Merriam, the Republican candidate for governor, is a symbol of poverty, strike-breaking, and fascism, for California. He has already given ample proof of this.

Merriam sent National Guards against the longshoremen. He unleashed a reign of vigilante terror against the militant elements in the labor movement. He heads a machine of the most scoundrelly grafters who have ever had a grip on the California masses. He represents the bankers, manufacturers, and large landowners. But it is precisely because so many are anxious to defeat the reaction which Merriam represents that hundreds of thousands voted for the ex-Socialist, Upton Sinclair, for the Democratic ticket to oppose him.

To vote for Sinclair was an expression of protest—a feeling that he was a "lesser evil."

But is Sinclair better than Merriam? Does his EPIC platform offer anything to the toiling masses of California? Anyone who will give these questions serious thought will see that the answer is NO. An attraction to the EPIC plan is the vivid way in which it pictures how poverty stalks through the Golden State. Sinclair is an able writer and does this quite well. But there is no solution for the million and a quarter depending on relief, for the farmers, for the rest of the impoverished population. A beautiful picture is painted of building Socialism in the midst of capitalism. But decades of experience and the most elementary principles of economics and methods of capitalism are disregarded. The assumption is that capitalism, its courts, and the federal government will stand by and watch control being pulled out of their hands.

Sinclair already admits that his EPIC plan has hit a snag in the U. S. constitution, and in laws which were designed to protect the profit system. He already announced that his lawyers have informed him that it will take years before the proposed bonds could be floated, and the obstacles against them cleared through constitutional amendments. Sinclair is now entangled in a net of complications, as it becomes clearer that outside of a state-supervised barter system, he has only imaginations.

#### CHEAP RELIEF—SUBSTITUTE FOR STRUGGLE.

This is precisely his plan—to show how relief can be made cheaper, and to dangle the illusion before the aroused masses that they can find an easy way out of their misery and avoid a struggle. He is therefore rendering invaluable service to the exploiters of labor, who want you to be in a maze of dreams, instead of being wakened while they organize and train their fascist forces to put over Hitlerism in California.

Sinclair claims that it is possible under state supervision to organize unemployed to rent idle factories and operate them; to rent idle farms for the price of taxes and produce food; while the State issues script which is to be a medium of exchange between the two divisions. He further maintains that the advantage of this system will be so great that people of all walks of life will be flocking to it. Thereby, he claims, the profit system will be gradually abolished.

From that he draws the conclusion that the workers will be benefited as they will have no unemployed to compete with. The farmer he advises to become a worker in the state-operated farm colonies. The small farmer is told that he is in a wasteful economy and would do better by taking a job in the state system factories. The capitalist is told that he would enjoy his wealth more if he knew that it was being used to build an honest world. And so he assures every type of person that EPIC is the cure-all which can't be beat.

There is nothing new in the Sinclair scheme. The Socialist Party, of which he was a member for 32 years, has always aimed to build socialism within the capitalist system. When the NRA and its provisions for government supervision of economy, was inaugurated, the first impulse of the Socialist Party was to hail it as a step towards Socialism. Sinclair, logically following the program of the Socialist Party, is an ardent "New Dealer." In accepting the Democratic nomination he stated as follows:

"The capitalist class could wipe out our small Socialist Party in short notice, any time it chose to do so. We must reach the masses in other ways. I decided to try doing this through one of the two major Parties."

#### REPEATS BETRAYAL OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

Sinclair follows the footsteps of the Social Democrats in Europe, said the Communist Party, who could build Socialism through gradual inroads into the capitalist order, without struggle by the workers. But look at the results in the countries of "model" Social-Democratic Parties—Germany, Austria, Italy. While the workers were kept under illusions that it is possible to use the capitalist legislatures and laws to accomplish a "gradual, peaceful change," the big industrialists and bankers collected the blackest forces in the country, drilled them into armed bands, swooped down on the workers' organizations, and laid to waste the efforts of decades. Now the working masses of these countries are in the worst poverty. This is the reason that Communists have always pointed out that Social Democrats are Social Fascists. They, although claiming to be opposed to fascism, lure the workers away from a militant fight against it, and thereby make it easy for fascism to come into power.

With such experience it is foolish for anyone to still believe that the rich will do nothing while the poor take control. In Austria, but little more headway was permitted than the establishment of a few housing co-operatives and such. When the fascists got ready they left the famous Vienna workers' apartments a mass of shambles. The workers found out that the constitutional "guarantees" and their "representatives" in the government didn't mean a thing. They are now sorry that they didn't use their mass strength through such forces as a general strike to smash fascism when it first raised its head.

Whether Sinclair sincerely opposes fascism or not is of little importance. The fact is that, as the European Social Democrats, he is helping to pave the way for it. His program, therefore, does not avoid violence. It makes way for the worst violence, but against the workers.

But let us look into the EPIC program and see how seriously we can take its promises.

#### WILL RICH HELP US BUY THEM OUT?

A huge bond is to be floated to pay for the idle factories. But who will subscribe for the bond? They will have to yield a substantial income if the wealthy are expected to buy them. They certainly have no other inducement. They are not going to be grateful to a system which proposes to abolish the profit system. And Sinclair's plan provides for increased taxation of these same rich. On the other hand, the masses, who are expected to benefit from the plan, have nothing to buy the bonds with—certainly not enough to make it count. On top of this the State of California will have as security only about a hundred millions in debt.

## A Boy Throws A Stone

by Carlitos

Pancho and I sat on the drab little porch. We smoked our cigarette after another and tossed matches on the sidewalk. It was a hot dry day. There was a faint smell of dust in the air. At our feet, an ancient moth-eaten hound brooded with one eye closed. Pancho's youngest dozed in the suspended swing chair with both eyes closed. Through the screen door came the disconnected humming of a woman at her house-hold tasks. "That house over there," I remarked, pointing to the middle of the next block, "it is falling to pieces."

"Yes," Pancho said slowly. "You did not know him? I will tell you."

"The contractor Henkin build the houses in that block. They are like a row of corn in the field. All look the same. He build them for the Southwest Real Estate Company. They own almost everything in this neighborhood."

"Ruffino came here six, seven years ago, maybe eight. He buy the house. It was new. Ruffino was first to live in it, also last. He pay something down, and make payments every three months. There is Ruffino and his wife and the little girl Lupita. After they live there awhile, an-

other child come, Josito they call. Ruffino work in the waste paper mill—run a baling machine.

A long time he work there and save some dollars. He was very strong man, but sick. He is sick a long time before he find out he got what you call the cancer in the stomach. Very bad. Sometime he go sick like he stop working. But he make the payments every three months.

"Then the hard times come. Everybody have trouble. No work, no money. Ruffino have plenty work, but he lay off so much because he is sick. But he have some money in the bank and he make the payments."

"One day, two years ago, he come to me, and say: 'Pancho, I am going to buy a car next day—this second-hand Chevrolet. I must have a garage. You are good carpenter—you will help me build. I will pay you well.'"

"We make plan and figure how much lumber we buy. I was going work with him Saturday and Sunday. Friday night, he come and say very sad: 'I am not going to build the garage. Where I work they cut me two days the week.'"

"After that, he got more sick. The boss lay him off because there is not enough work. He lay off because he get too sick to work. Pretty soon he get no job. Somebody else take his place. Pretty soon, there is no more money in bank. Ruffino get more sick. He worry very much. The he get so bad, he stay in bed all the time. Pretty soon he cannot make payments, but the Southwest agent make no trouble. One night, poor Ruffino die."

"A house know everything about people who live in it. It know when they are happy and when they are not happy, when they feel good and when they are sick, when there is meat on the table and when there is no bread. It remember, when the man worry how the child laugh and run around, how the woman cry. It is very sad when a woman cry over her dead one."

"After the funeral, the agent tell her to move out. She has two children. Where can she go? She go to the charity. They say she own a house, so they can do nothing. One day, she get notice from sheriff to move. But she has no place to go. So everybody in the neighborhood, they say: 'If the sheriff put Senora Fontana out, we put her back. The sheriff's men come and put the furniture on the sidewalk. We put it back.'"

"But that is not the end. The Southwest Company is afraid. There are many people can't make payments, can't pay rent. If the company do not make us trouble, we all live in the houses and pay no money. So, one night the sheriff's men come again. They come with city police, some people say the Red Squad. The street becomes full with people. The sheriff's men throw the furniture out on the street and the police stand on the porch with cut-throat shotguns. Other police run through the street, this way, that way, in big machines and make lot of noise with horns. We try to put the furniture back, but the police break gas-bombs and hit people with clubs. They arrest four men, throw them in car and

take them away. One is my friend Juan Chavez. They beat them up in jail and let them go. No trial."

"We can do nothing. The police are too strong. The street is full with gas. More people come, Mexican, Negro, White people. Some are Communists. Some from what you call Relief Worker Union. I do not know from where they all come. The police call us names, tell us to go home, but we know they are afraid, even if they have guns and gas."

"Pretty soon, a parade start. We do not know how it start. We do not know where we go, but Angelo Sanchez and Benito Sordario and other people, they run everywhere and tell everybody to pick up piece of furniture and make parade. We march down the street, carry the furniture, sing."

"Pretty soon, we find out where we go. There is empty house three streets away. It is same kind of house and belong to Southwest. We put the furniture in this house. Everybody happy. Laugh like hell. Sing like hell. The police come, watch the parade, but they no trouble. They call names, but that don't hurt like club. The crowd is more big now and no body is afraid. Only the police."

"We make little camp fire in street and Angelo Sanchez make speech in Spanish, how all poor people must stick together and fight for each other. Then, white man make speech. Then, we sing songs. Somebody play the mungo organ and somebody play the guitar, and sing old Mexican song, how the poor man live in one-room house without floor, how the rich man live in big palace, how the poor man must kick rich man out and move into palace. Very fine. Then Senora Fontana say, she thanks us from the heart, we are so good to her. She can talk no more because she cry. Then, more speeches how we go to the Charity next day and make them pay rent for Senora Fontana and give her food. And everybody say—yes, they will go. And somebody bring candles for the house, because the electric is not on."

Pancho rolled a fresh cigarette and continued: "The house, like the world, it is going to pieces. Nobody can live there any more. In the roof, there is holes, cracks in the walls, the floors they are broken. When somebody need lumber, they tear off a piece. Pretty soon, if everybody push together, the house will turn over and lay on the side like a dead horse. Then everything can be cleaned up. The ground will be clean. Then, a new house can be build. A strong house, a beautiful one. Yes, the house is like the world."

As he spoke, a little boy came down the street. He stopped alongside the derelict house. He looked around furtively, and, considering himself unperceived, he picked up a stone and hurled it against the wall. We could hear the bang in the still air. Then, with the air of having accomplished a virtuous deed, the boy strolled down the street, whistling.

"Little savage!" I commented grinning.

"That is Josito Fontana," Pancho said absently. "He was born in the house."

## On The National Strike Front

Sympathy strikes. Rank and file leadership and control. Solidarity between Negro and white workers. General strikes. Industrial unionism as opposed to the isolation policies of craft unions (A. F. of L. pattern). Against arbitration.

These are main issues which contain the strength of organized labor. And these are issues which the employers' agents, A. F. of L. officials, are plotting to oppose at the coming A. F. of L. convention in San Francisco.

Delegates will attend the convention with the bitter experience of many struggles to guide their vote.

They will have the example not only of the great textile strike, but of many smaller struggles before their eyes. Of the present struggles, it is only possible to quote a few:

**HUNGER MARCHERS** from every part of PENNSYLVANIA are converging on HARRISBURG to demand adequate relief for the winter.

Delegates from all A. F. of L. and independent FURNITURE WORKERS' UNIONS will hold a conference in CHICAGO on October 13th and 14th to lay plans for a NATIONAL STRIKE in the industry.

**CANNERY WORKERS** in FENTON, MICH., are on strike demanding a 7-cent-per-hour increase in wages. Only two scabs remained working on the job. Seventy-five per cent of the ALLEGANY COUNTY PLUM CROP faces ruin unless employers yield to the demands.

A 100 per cent INCREASE IN WAGES was won by the NEW YORK FUR DRESSERS AND DYERS INDUSTRIAL UNION after a three-weeks' strike. This great gain applies particularly to furriers engaged in handling rabbit skins.

**NEW YORK BATHROBE WORKERS** are still out in the third week of their strike. Unable to terrorize the workers by the wholesale use of thugs and gangster tactics, the employers are beginning to offer large concessions, but the workers are holding out firmly for their full demands.

**RADIO OPERATORS** aboard the LINER PONCE in NEW YORK have held up the sailing of the vessel by striking in pro-

tection of the passengers. They struck to prevent a recurrence of the MORRO CASTLE disaster.

**OKEY O'DELL**, leader of the STRIKING ONION PICKERS, was framed and jailed today for the possession of firearms. After being kidnapped, slugged, and threatened with death by gangsters in the hire of the growers, O'Dell armed himself with a revolver.

Onion pickers, their ranks temporarily shaken by the terror, are preparing to renew their struggle with support from workers in other industries.

test against what they describe as inadequate facilities for the

Overriding three weeks of stringent effort by A. F. of L. officials to block rank and file action, FIFTEEN THOUSAND CHICAGO STREET CAR MEN have voted to walk out in sympathy with striking BUSMEN

who have been holding solid ranks against police violence for almost a month. FIVE THOUSAND ELEVATED WORKERS are expected to follow suit immediately.

**NEW YORK KNITGOODS WORKERS** returned to work after gaining most of their demands. The strike was led by the KNITGOODS WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION.

### Teamsters Sore At Casey Riding With Rossi In Parade

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Mike Casey, head of the Teamsters' Union, got a six-weeks' leave of absence for a vacation, he said. But he wanted to get away from the anger of the men which is still hot about his selling out in the General Strike. Last meeting it was just as well for him that he was not around. The members who saw him riding with Mayor Rossi in the Labor Day parade were sure burned up and said so. "Well, do you expect an old man over 70 to walk?" one of Casey's gang asked. From all sides came the answer, "We've got plenty of cars any official of absence can ride in without sitting alongside the likes of Rossi. But he is not one of us, anyway," was the reply. And nobody else dared speak up any more for Mike.

—TEAMSTER.

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